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Sir:

This has reference to Form PTO-1449 submitted concurrently herewith.

The following comments are submitted with respect to the publications identified in such Form.

U.S. Patent 3,884,750

This identifies the problems in the recycling of corrugated medium but does not describe a process in any way comparable with that of the present invention.

U.S. Patent 4,385,997

This is concerned with a method and apparatus for preconditioning corrugate for lamination employing a solvent fluid capable of undermining the adhesive bonds.

U.S. Patent 4,737,238

This is concerned with the treatment of white paper which contains aluminum in which an oxygen delignification step is employed. Oxygen delignification would not be appropriate in the present process since it is widely understood that oxygen delignification results in loss of strength. Comparison Examples are included in the present Application.

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Canadian Patent 1,110,411

This is concerned with the recycling of paperboard which is impregnated with wax or resin, employing a black liquor. It does not employ a cooking liquor as required by the present invention or conditions which would result in cooking.

The claims as presented are believed to fully distinguish over the aforementioned prior art, however, it is assumed that the Examiner will conduct his own search and make his own assessment of the prior art submitted by the Applicant.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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